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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

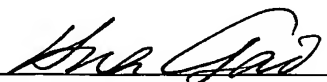
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Dear Sir:

In response to the election/restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed May 16, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Invention II (claims 20 - 29) and the species disclosed in Figures 6a and 6b for continued examination without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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